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Identical letters dated 4 July 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia on the illegal installation of a so-called border sign across the occupation line in the Tskhinvali region, dated 4 July 2017 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 32, and of the Security Council.

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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia on the illegal installation of a so-called border sign across the occupation line in the Tskhinvali region

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia expresses its deep concern over the illegal installation of a so-called border sign across the occupation line in the Tskhinvali region, in the area of Bershueti village, Gori district, as a result of which several local farmers' agricultural lands have now partially fallen beyond the occupation line.

This is a continuation of the illegal process of so-called "borderization", which not only restricts the fundamental rights of local residents, but considerably damages the security situation on the ground and obstructs Georgia's efforts to achieve a peaceful resolution of the conflict.

Despite the international community's repeated calls, the Russian Federation continues to grossly violate the principles of international law and its commitments undertaken under the ceasefire agreement of 12 August 2008.

This fact and the general situation in Georgia's occupied regions and adjacent territories once again point to the necessity of establishing international security arrangements and creating human rights monitoring mechanisms on the ground.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia calls upon the international community to duly assess the situation in Georgia's occupied territory and take respective measures to stop Russia's illegal actions. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia will use all levers at its disposal, including within the framework of the Geneva international discussions and international organizations, not to let the aforesaid action of Russia remain without due international assessment and reaction.